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Sir:

Responsive to the Examiner's telephonic response of August 10, 2006 concerning the Proposed Amendment after Appeal submitted August 7, 2006, please amend the claims in the above-identified application as follows.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of the Amendment.

Remarks and Arguments begin on page 6 of the Amendment.

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